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In re Application of	:	
Richard Ney, et al.	:	
Application No. 09/379,385	:	DECISION ON REQUEST
Filed: August 23, 1999	:	TO WITHDRAW
Attorney Docket No. 2046.087US1	:	FROM RECORD
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This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed March 24, 2006.

The request is **APPROVED**.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

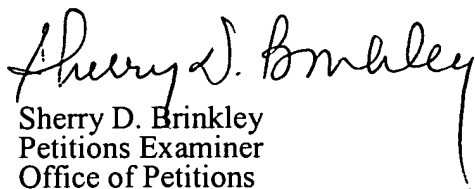
The request was signed by Andre L. Marais on behalf of all attorneys of record who are associated with Customer No. 21186.

All attorneys/agents associated with the Customer Number 21186 have been withdrawn.

The correspondence address of record has been changed and the new correspondence address is the address indicated below.

The response filed March 9, 2006 to the non-final Office action has been entered and forwarded to the Examiner for consideration.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Sherry D. Brinkley at 571-272-3204.

  
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